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EWARD ANTHONY THROOP (FULL NAME OF PETITIONER)	Civil No. (To be filled in by Clerk of U.S. District Court)
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LARRY SMALL (Acting Warden)	PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
(Name of Warden, Superintendent, Jailor, or authorized	
PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OF PETITIONER, E.G. PAROLE OFFICER) Respondent	
·	UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241
and	
The Attorney General of the State of	
California, Additional Respondent.	<u>.</u>
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2. Have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions with respect to the execution of your sentence in any court, state or federal? Yes No
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(a)(1) Name of court Superior Court of Imperial County
(2) Nature of proceeding Petition for writ of Habeas Corpus
(3) Grounds raised Violation(s) of pre deprivation hearing procedures; Debriefin policies violate Petitioner's Right to Counsel, and force self incrimination of pretrial detainees; Violation(s) of Post Validation/Segregation hearing procedures; Retaliation for protected activity; Validation regulations vague and overbroad, and withheld at critical stages; Respondents chill free speech and violate Equal Protection of Law.
(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion? □ Yes No
(5) Result <u>Denied</u>
(6) Date of result <u>December 3, 2007</u>
(b) As to any second petition, application or motion give the same information:
(1) Name of court California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District
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(3) Grounds raised Same as above (36)3)
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Ground one: PRISON OFFICIALS REFUSED TO PROVIDE PETITIONER WITH WRITTEN EXPLANATIONS FOR DENYING HIS DUE PROCESS RIGHTS TO PRESENT STAFF WITNESSES FOR NON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS THAT DETERMINED HIS STATE-CREATED LIBERTY INTEREST TO BE FREE FROM INDETERMIN-ATE SEGREGATED HOUSING IN VIOLATION OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT- U.S. CONSTITUTION. Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law)

an 10-17-06 and 10-20-06, felitioner was issued two identical orders for temporary housing in segregation (114-D forms) pending transfer to General Population at a different prison. Since the reason for the adverse transfer was erroneous, he requested employees of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to be witnesses and those guards names were scribed onto the second 114-D. However, neither of those requests were honored by prison officials at the 114-D hearing, and no explanation was provided for denying witnesses. After petitioner complained, a third 114-0 was served on 11-7-06 which invalidated the previous orders to instead authorize placement in a Security Housing Unit (SHU) indeterminately because of a gand-offiliation classification (gang validation). Because this action was flowed (and retaliatory), Petitioner requested staff witnesses whose names were olocumented on the new 114-D form and an Investigative Employee (IE) was assigned to question them; but after the IE failed to perform duties petitioned made oral requests at the 114-D hearing which was ignored by respondent (again), who later falsly recorded that petitioner did not request any witnesses at all without reasoning why the documented witnesses noted in writing on the 114-D had not been honored.

Witnesses at this stage of a 114-D hearing are a Constitutionally protected procedural safeguard in actions where a prisoner is subjected to indefinite solitary confinement in SHU Moreover, petitioner has a liberty interest in avoiding placement in supermax facilities for long durations and because his witnessed were wrongfully disregarded without a written explanation he was unable to present favorable evidence to show why the validation is erroneous and that consigning him to SHU was premature and in violation of due process.

B. Ground two: FAILURE OF PRISON OFFICIALS TO APPOINT AN INVESTIGATIVE STAFF ASSISTANT DENIED PETITIONER THE ABILITY TO PRESENT A-MEANINGFUL DEFENSE AND TO BE HEARD DURING NON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS THAT CAUSED HIM TO BE PLACED INTO INDEFINITE SEGREGATION WITHOUT DUE PROCESS GUARAN-TEED BY THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): On 11-7-06 Petitioner was issued an order for placement in segregated housing (114-D) because of a non-disciplinary administrative proceeding that classified him as a prison gang affiliate, ie Calidation. That information had been reported by a different prison and was already two(2) years old, so prison officials at Petition ers institution-Calipatria—had already previously assured petitioner that it was too old and unreliable because it had never been determined whether or not this validation mode him a "current active" gang associate, which is a prerequisite to place validated prisoners into SHU Prison efficials promised that the validation would not adversely effect him for that reason. They changed their mind after Petitioner filed a lawsuit. The purpose of the 114-D was to now recommend that classification officials assign him to a SHU for an indoterminate term.

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Since Petitioner was confined to administrative segregation he had no meaningful opportunity to conduct his own investigation of the circumstances that transpired at another institution in 2004 therefore he requested and was assigned an Investigative Employee to assist him with locating and questioning witnesses to present evidence in his defense that would refute both the 114th and the validation's reliability by proving that he is not a "current active" associate to a gang-The name of Correctional Officer Smith was written onto the 114D in the space reserved for the Investigative Employee being assigned, however when contacted by Petitioner Smith claimed to have no knowledge of the matter and could not assist Petitioner with preparing for the hearing that would determine whether or not a SHU term would, or could be, imposed. Aside from scribing Smith's name on the UH-D, no other steps (ie paperwork authorization) had been performed to officially instruct someone to perform an investigation and type a report about it, on behalf of petitioner. As a consequence, Petitioner was unable to be heard in his defense with the necessary documents and witnesses that Smith would have gathered on his behalf. On 11-16-06, a classification committee refused to entertain oral requests for the witnesses and imposed the indeterminate SHU term without Petitioner's views being considered or preserved.

Ground three: PETITIONER WAS DENIED A FAIR AND UNBIASED REVIEW DURING A CRUCIAL NONDI-SCIPLINARY HEARING BECAUSE STAFF WITH PRIOR INVOLVEMENT DECEITFULLY ALTERED THE ADJUDICAT-ION OF THE NAMED HEARING OFFICER TO PLACE PETITIONER INTO SHU INDEFINITELY IN VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS GUARANTEED BY THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): On 10-17-06 petitioner was issued a 114-D form to order his segregated housing pending transfer to a General Population of a different prison. On 10-18-06 this order was reviewed by LT Nelson (acting "Captain") who is the supervisor of the administrative segregation unit. His decision on that action authorized Petitioner to remain in segregation as ordered and he scribed "PRESENTS THREAT TO INSTITUT-IONAL SECURARY" as his reason on the 114-D in the DECISION' section. That action was later superceded when Nelson himself generated another 114-0 on 11-7-06 to label Petitioner as a danger because of a status-based classification (gang validation). This conceled the transfer and recommended perpetual confinement in SHU, therefore he challenged the new 114-D and requested witnesses-whose names were listed in that section on the form. The next day Petitioner gave a note to his counselor requesting time to prepare for the 114D hearing, which Nelson was later seen reading. Nelson then spontaneously approached Petitioner's cell [claiming no knowledge of the note] and pressured Petitioner to waive his Hy preparation time so that he could be scheduled for a classification hearing on 11-9-06. But Petitioner refused and explained his need to call witnesses with staffs assistance. Nelson agreed to approve these requests and instructed Petitioner to prepare for his investigators arrival. Soon thereafter, a Sergeart Informed Petitioner that he was being moved to another cell on the tier. After Petitioner refused to move Nelson returned to persuade him to comply and indicated that he had ordered the move which Petitioner questioned as serving alterior motives to interfere with his only opportunity to refute the U4-0. When Petitioner demanded that Nelson prove that there was an actual assignment of an Investigative Employee mode "in writing", Nelson then indicated that Petitioner would instead be moved to a different Ad-Seq Unit in another area of the prison.

LT Davis next contacted petitioner posing as the IN-D Hearing Officer. He acknowledged awareness of the requests for witnesses and an IE, and before departing asked several questions. Afterword, Nelson delivered a "finalized copy" of this 114-D and it exhibited Davis' signature/title at the bottom, along with [C.O.] "Smith" printed in the space reserved for IE assignments. However, no recommendations or other disposition had been noted by Davis in the "DECISION" section of the 114-D. Petitioner then confronted Nelson about the blank portions; he quickly ventured away and returned with a different version of this same final copy "which had been completed with the disposition: "ENDANGERS INSTITUTION SECURITY." First, Nelson claimed it to be Davis' action, but after Plaintiff probed further about the differing penmanship, he then admitted contriving the decision after Davis left. This subterfuge denied Petitioner an impartial reviewer because Nelson himself authored this 114-D. Ground four:

RESPONDENT(S) VIOLATED DUE PROCESS GUARANTEED BY THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT BY ARBITRARILY HOUSING PETITIONER IN SEGREGATION INDETERMINATELY AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ABSENT THE REQUIRED "ACTIVE" DETERMINATION NEEDED TO DO SO AS ESTABLISHED BY PRISON REGULATIONS.

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law):

Pursuant to a settlement agreement in a federal civil action titled Castillo v Alameida, the CDCR agreed that inmates cannot be confined into a SHU for an indeterminate term as a status-based gang validation classification after September 23, 2004. 'Conduct' is now the determining factor in whether or not a validated prisoner can be found to be endangering institutional security, and that conduct is established by proven acts of gang activity that demonstrate that the prisoner is "currently ACTIVE" in gang activity. CDCR agreed that only the office of Correctional Safety (OCS) can make the determination of whether or not a prisoner is "ACTIVE" and currently associating with gang members and their activities. Thus, before a prisoner can be approved for placement in a SHU for the indefinite period by classification officials, OCS must first determine the inmates active status. This is done by documenting ACTIVE or INACTIVE on the inmates Validation Chrono [form 128 B-2] and if it is not done, Respondent must either refer the case to ocs for review, or release the prisoner from segregation.

Petitioner has been denied these clearly established procedural safeguards. The decision to approve the validation classification on B-3-05 was not made by OCS, and no where on his validation chrono(s) has he been documented to be "ACTWE". For this very reason Respondent(s) gave assurances that Petitioner could not be placed into SHU and approved

him for release to General Population (transfer to Folsom) on two occasions. But when Petitional filed a civil complaint regarding his conditions of confinement and access to court, the Respondent retaliated by recommending and endorsing petitioner to an indeterminate SHU program despite the absence of the ACTIVE determination. At all initial and subsequent classification hearings he has invoked his entitlement to ocs review to assess his active/inactive status yet Respondent willfully refuses to correct Plaintiffs wrongful solitary confinement that was imposed without the benefit of Procedural Duc Process. 5. If any of the grounds listed in 4A, B, C, and D were not previously presented in any other court, state or federal, state briefly what grounds were not presented, and give your reasons for not presenting

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (IF ANY)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on

proceeding.

E. Ground Five:

PETITIONER WAS DENIED DUE PROCESS WHEN PRISON OFFICIALS INITIATED GANG VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIM AND WITHHELD THE VALIDATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UNTIL AFTER HE WAS ALREADY CONSIGNED TO AN INDETERMINATE SHU TERM BECAUSE OF IT IN VIOLATION OF THE 14 AMENDMENT

Supporting Facts:

on 6-1-04 a settlement agreement to the federal civil rights action titled CASTILLO VALAMEIDA, was approved by the Honorable Martin J. Jenkins in the Northern District of California (Case No. c-94-2847 MJ). In that settlement, cock adopted proposed changes to the gang management policy that regulated its classification methods for validating state prisoners as gang members or associates, and/or confineing them into SHUs for indeterminate periods. COCR agreed to institute these amendments to the policy on a prospective basis effective 9-23-04, afterwhich their classification services [e.g. Institution Classification Committees (ICC) (ucc) and Classification Services Representative (CSR) may no longer consign prisoners to indeterminate housing in segregation based upon administrative [non-disciplinary] classifications (i.e. allegations) of gang affiliation/association, without obtaining a determination about the prisoner's current level of active participation in gang activity. The decision maker's) in that assessment process is now the office of Correctional Safety (OCS) [formerly SSU/LEIU]. Thus, it is only OCS that is designated for determining whether or not the inmate is "currently active", which must be officially stated as such on the inmate's Validation Chrono (form 128 B2).

As a consequence, state prisoners cannot receive indeterminate SHU term programs, because of a gang association validation, without the finding of current active-consistent with this and other procedural safeguards observed by the settlement. It is whether the inmate is ACTIVE [conduct] that decides if an inmote can be deemed to be "endangering institutional security" that is warranting isolation in a SHU. Therefore, each ICC is required to ensure that the inmate's current gang status is indicated [noted] on the Validation Chrono and Classification Chronos (form 128-G); so if acs has not determined if the inmate is active, the ICC must release the prisoners case to OCS for an active or inactive determination before authorizing placement, and/or retention in segregated housing.

In addition, the case made improvements to the CDCR validation procedures and affords additional due

process protections. These include, but arent limited to:

-Notice and apportunity for the inmate to be heard at the prevalidation and inactive review interviews; -24 hour advanced notice to the inmate of the validation "source items" (individual allegations of gang activity are source items reported within a "validation package") to be issued prior to a prevalidation interview. The inmate must be interviewed about the evidence and his opinions recorded for inclusion with the validation package being sent to OCS to be considered together in the review process; -A copy of the inmates interview is to be provided to him prior to its submission to OCS;

-In short, the distinction between validation and segregation must not be lost. Mere validation alone is not

enough to segregate prisoners; it is conduct (activity) that obtermines SHU placement, and a validated inmate must be released from SHU within 12 months unless they have been designated as current active.

Between 2004-2006 Respondent(s) enacted the amendments to the validation/segregation policy but they kept the changes in the text to themselves, and only distributed Title 15 regulations to prisoners that contained the old "underground" methods that had been revised by Castillo. The finalized "official" policy was not printed in updated versions of Title 15 until July 2006, however Calipatria did not provide them to inmates until January 2007. By that time, Petitioner and dozens of prisoners had already been validated and approved for SHU placement with no understanding of the procedures used, nor how to defend themselves. Withholding the rules was the cause of Petitioners in ability to defend himself at critical stages.

F. Ground Six:

RESPONDENT IS VIOLATING PETITIONER'S RIGHTS TO COUNSEL AND PROTECTION AGAINST SELF INCRIMINATION GUARANTEED TO HIM AS AN IN-CUSTODY DEFENDANT THROUGH THE FIFTH, SIXTH, AND FOURTEENTH AMEND—MENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, BY REQUIRING HIM TO MAKE ADMISSIONS OF ASSOCIATION WITH GANGS AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF PAST CRIMINAL ACTIVITY THAT INCLUDE CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO HIS PENDING STATE COURT PROSECUTION, DURING A DEBRIEFING PROCESS CONDUCTED BY AGENTS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN ORDER FOR HIM TO GAIN HIS RELEASE FROM SEGREGATION CONFINEMENT.

Supporting Facts:

Petitioner is a state prisoner who is a court detainee undergoing an active criminal prosecution in the Superior Court of Imperial County. These charges stem from an in-custody prison riot that involved In-mode's alleged assaults upon Correctional Officers at Calipatria on 11-21-03. The Calipatria Investigative Services Unit (ISU)—Institutional Gang Investigators (IGI) was/is the investigating agency that processed the crime scene of the disturbance. But one of those investigators also claimed to be a victim of battery in that incident by Petitioner, and was one of several guards who testified before the Grand Jury that indicted Petitioner. That same guard is also coincidentally the DA Liasion between Imperial Co and CDCR.

184-161 regurgifated the same circumstances of this offense as the basis to initiate an investigation into prison gang association against Petitioner, through which fruits of that investigation were used together with the riot allegations to "validate" Petitioner as an "associate" to a prison gang. Under CDCR's gang management policy, inmates can only be placed into SHU because of a validation classification if they have been determined to be a "current active" associate—which must be noted on the inmates 128 BZ Validation Chrono. Petitioner has not been deemed 'ACTIVE', yet Respondent consigned him to housing in SHU for an indefinite term anyway. And, in order to be reteased from SHU[ever], Respondents demand Petitioner either debrief (become informant), or wait a minimum of 6 years until a set eligibility date when he may be reviewed for "inactive" status. But, that eligibility date is required to be (rubberstamped) on the 128-BZ form before the indeterminate SHU is approved and imposed, and this too has not yet been performed by Respondent, either. Without that date a six year review is unavailable to escape SHU.

After Petitioner learned that Due Process was violated, since no ACTIVE/INACTIVE status or review dates have been noted on any of his files, Respondent refused to address it unless Petitioner agreed to debrief first. And the staff who Petitioner is directed to debrief to are the same investigative agency prosecution him in court, i.e. staff consisting of a victim/DA Liasion, prosecution witnesses and crime scene investigators for the case he is represented by counsel for Moreover, the CDER debriefing procedures codified at Title 15 § 3378.1 and § 3378.2 do not permit attorneys to participate and do not make exceptions for court detainees whose criminal charges are the same circumstances as the validation source items. Thus, Respondents quid proquo debriefing is unconstitutional because (!) Petitioner has a right to counsel at every material phase of the case once he has been arraigned; (2) he has a reasonable belief that any investigation or interview made without presence of counsel will involve discussions about elements of his court proceedings since that is what the validation theory of gang activity was founded upon; (3) The due process that fetitioner was entitled to, and is still requesting, is only being withheld as a veiled pretext by agents of the prosecution to force him to volunteer information that will give them a tactical advantage in court; and (4) These conditions of his confinement in segregation are being used as a form of physical coercion to force confessions, because without Petitioner's eligible review date being established these conditions will be perpetual.

G. Ground Seven!

PRISON OFFICIALS INITIATED A GANG INVESTIGATION TO VALIDATE PETITIONER AS A GANG ASSOCIATE IN RETALIATION FOR EXERCISING FREE SPEECH PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT- U.S. CONSTITUTION.

Supporting Facts!

Petitioner and several prisoners were physically abused by guards at Calipatria prison and then transferred to Tehachapi (CCI) on 4-22-03. They imediately began to make complaints to state officials while their family members contacted elected officials and other sources. All these complaints resulted in inquiries by outsiders to the CDCR, CCI and Calipatria.

On 2-11-04 Petitioner was contacted by Calipatria's 184-161, who recorded a statement from hum about the abuse at Calipatria over the phone. This telephonic meeting was also attended by CCI's 184-161 officers. From that day forward 184-161 officials maintained constant communication about Petitioner between CCI and Calipatria, and all of his protected activity began to be monitored. His personal and confidential correspondences began to be held, lost or not delivered, and opened outside of his presence, legal enclosures read, siezed and retained without notice. Legal material was confiscated and not returned to retaliation for protected activity.

Then on 9-24-06, cci isci-coi officers searched and removed all legal and personal property from Petitioner's cell. They later falsly reported that items found were indicative of gang activity, or were deliberately imputed to Petitioner on false pretense. These Hens were used to compile a

Validation Package against him for submission to SSU.

Approximately this same period, 1541G1 began soliciting numerous prisoners at CCI and other prisons to contrive allegations of gang activity against Petitioner in exchange for special favors. At least one prisoner confirms that he was paid to make false allegations.

15U-161's retaliatory intent was to discredit and malign Petitioner because of his complaints about staff misconduct, before the inquiries they induced could bear fruit. Therefore, 15U-161(5) have colluded together in an effort to cover up staff misconduct by labeling Petitioner to be a gang associate and confine him in SHU indefinitely to silence his protected activity.

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H. Ground Eight:

PRISON OFFICIALS VIOLATED DUE PROCESS GUARANTEED UNDER THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION BY SUPPRESSING MITIGATING INFORMATION TO DENY PETITIONER A FAIR REVIEW BY DECISION-MAKERS WHO APPROVED THE NON DISCIPLINARY "VALIDATION PACKAGE" WHICH CAUSED HIS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN SHU FOR AN INDETERMINATE PERIOD Supporting Facts:

On 4-3-04 the CCI ISU-1GI prepared a validation package against Petitioner which reported a theory that he was an associate. With the Mexican Mafia (EME) prison gang on that date. That information was then submitted to SSU on 12-9-04 for review and approval. One week later on 12-18-04, ISU-1GI generated a Confidential Memorandum that reported: "... inmote Throop is in disfavor with the Mexican Mafia prison gang and will be targeted for assault and never be allowed to be in good standings with [them] again..."

Petitioner denies the accuracy of this appinion and asserts that it is a ruse by isu-161 because they waited until after the validation package was submitted to disclose this belief in order to omit it from being considered by the decision makers. Had decision makers had access to this information their decision to approve the validation package would have been different since it clearly belies the allegation that EME are his "associates" at the time of the validation packages filing.

This tactic is a well-known play to frighten inmates into becoming informants (debriefers) who will "agree" to corroborate unsubstantiated 161. Theories and opinions that have no factual basis, in exchange for "favors". Nevertheless, the Confidential Memodated 12-18-04 is relevant to the validation proceedings because it is mitigating information that 154-161 possessed prior to presenting their hypothesis about Petitioner's alleged conspiracy or association with the same group whom they have simultaneously reported to be his enemies, and they excluded it from the other source memos in order to ensure that a validation would be approved.

This secondary report is an atternative interpretation of two of the source items included within the validation package. Direct evidence of this fact is shown by a later classification Services Chrono addressed to ICC instructing them to "address" or "absolve" possible "enemy concerns" in source items dated 8-23-04 and 9-30-04 - which are two of the points in the validation package that ISU-161 authored wherein only the first opinion was presented for consideration. Hence, this second opinion contrasts with the first, which is something that needed to be fairly weighed upon review. Furthermore, these dates show that the claim of safety concerns was not based on any additional information abtained after the completion of the validation package, but selely on the origional information already in their possession from the beginning.

That omission-of possibly exculpatory evidence-was intended to mistead the decision makers for the purpose of deliberately violating Petitioner's due process right to a fair hearing in a proceeding that had a collateral consequence of depriving him of state created hiberty interests to be free of confinement in supermax facilities indeterminately.

I. Ground Nine:

RESPONDENTS ARBITRARILY PLACED PETITIONER INTO SEGREGATED HOUSING FOR AN INDETERMINATE TERM ABSENT PREREQUISITE PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AS RETALIATION FOR ENGAGING IN ACTIVITY PROTECTED UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Supporting Facts!

On 12-18-04 ISU-1G1 falsly opined that Petitioner was an enemy of the same prison gang that targeted him for assault, and for the next two years respondents adopted that dual theory as true. For that reason, Petitioner was involuntarily placed in solitary confinement, which continues to isolate him from other prisoners. At every classification hearing between 2005-2006 Petitioner refuted the accuracy of that information because he wished to attend group yard activities and have a cellmate, but Respondent defered to their own actions on that subject after ISU-IGI at Calipatria was asked to assess the circumstances and recommended the status quo. This caused Petitioner to be deprived of yard exercise for 15 months.

For that reason, Petitioner mountained that if indeed the enemy situation were more credible, then this validation for association was nullified because the duality made it impossible for him to be a current active associate. Respondent agreed, because it was clear that Petitioner had not been determined to be "ACTIVE" during the prevalidation process. Therefore, Respondent gave affirmative assurances that the cumulative effect of due process violations, and contradictions, along with the absence of an ACTIVE classification, only "identified" him as validated, but prevented them from placing him into a SHU where those supposed enemies are housed. As a result, after conclusion of Petitioner's trial ICC unanimously elected to release petitioner from segregation, but with an adverse

transfer to a General Population of an undesirable institution.

At two different-successive-ICC hearings, Petitioner was recommended for transfer to Folsom level III in Northern California. Because the transfer was based on an invalidated disciplinary report. Petitioner filed a civil rights complaint in federal court about his exercise deprivation and abuse described in Ground Seven. On 10-26-06, Petitioner served Respondents with a proposed preliminary Injunction by legal mail that was received by Calipatria on or about 10-30-06, which put them on notice about the suit. Seven days later, Respondent(s) reacted in response to that action by revoking. Petitioner's release to General Population, and imposed an indleterminate SHU term knowing that they were violating their own regulations in the process because he is still not classified as "ACTIVE" by OCS.

Petitioner's consignment to the situ was clearly an arbitrary action done without benefit

of due process, and in retaliation for protected activity.

J. Ground Ten!

REQUIRING PETITIONER TO "SNITCH" AS PART OF THE DEBRIEFING PROCEDURE TO EAIN "INACTIVE" STATUS
THAT CAN RELEASE HIM FROM SHU IS PUNDAMENTALLY UNFAIR AND SUBJECTS HIM TO CRUEL AND
UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT IN VIOLATION OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS PROTECTED BY THE EIGHTH AND
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENTS.

Supporting Facts:

Respondent is fully aware that Petitioner and his siblings were victims of incest and pedophilia as children. Throughout his incarsaration Petitioner has been separated from being housed with pedophiles because CDCR regularly confines those inmates in protective custody facilities. In addition, other sex offenders, plus prisoners who agree to be informants to escape SHU confinement or physical harm by debriefing to ISU-161, then become reclassified as protective custody as well. Those inmates are not suitable for placement in General Population and are now housed in alternative facilities known as Sensitive Needs Yards (SNY).

Respondent insists that Petitioner must first debrief in order to receive an "NACTWE Status" review of his gang validation, as his only option to accellerate his release from SHU confinement. If Petitioner were to do so [debrief to the satisfaction of Respondent] then it would create the collateral consequence of reclassifying him as protective custody and subjected to rehousing in a SNY for being an informant. He finds this undesirable because he would be forced to assimilate to SNY "culture" and program where Respondent enforces acceptance of compatability with pedophiles and rapists in work, education and double cell-living assignments that result in disciplinary action for refusal to partici-

pate, and even return to SHU for "failing to program" as Respondent orders him to.

Therefore, agreeing to participate in a debriefing process would cause an atypical and significant hardshop upon Petitioner that will jeopardice forever his life and the lives of his family. In fact, housing in an SNY along with peolophiles would repulse his siblings and other loved ones into abandoning him, and discourages them from visiting or corresponding with him there because of the emotional and psychological anguish of learning Petitioner's acceptance of them. But because Petitioner refuses to debrief, he must remain confined in supermax facilities indefinitely. Not only does he have a liberty Interest in avoiding SHU confinements for long durations, but SHU has already previously caused him psychological concerns in 2004 for which psychotropic medication was prescribed for several months. Respondents are aware of these histories and remain deliberately indifferent to Petitioner's mental health-that is affected by their policies and arbitrary actions.

Respondent already has discretion to employ alternative procedures to afford prisoners fair occellerated release from stu without debriefing pursuant to Title 15 § 3378(d) which permits prisoners on General Population criteria whose gang validations information is more than two years old, to be eligible for a two year inactive designation. Thus, since Petitioner was classified as a prison gang affiliate based only on information dated 2004, and cleared for General Population by Respondent(s), because he was never properly determined to be in stu absent the current Active classification; he met the criteria for the two year review at the time that the moleterminate stu order was approved in November 2006. This would satisfy and benefit legitimate penological concerns, but Respondent refuses to adopt that alternative inactive Stu release [COCR procedure] for Petitioner, and arbitrarily contends that it is only available for prisoners who debrief. That is untrue.

Hence, Respondent has wantonly and illegally subjected Petitioner to present and future casel and unusual punishment with these dictatorial Interpretations of vague and overbroad policies, which demonstrate the

K. Ground Eleven:

PETITIONER WAS DENIED DUE PROCESS IN VIOLATION OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT BECAUSE HIS VALIDATION-SEGREGATION PROCEEDINGS ARE BASED ON VAGUE AND OVERBROAD REGULATIONS WHICH LACK CONSISTENT STANDARDS THAT DO NOT AFFORD SUFFICIENT NOTICE OF WHAT IS PROHIBITED ACTIVITY PUNISHABLE BY SHU PLACEMENT, AND DID NOT DISCLOSE IDENTITIES OF INVOLVED PARTIES, THUS HINDERING HIS ABILITY TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

Supporting Facts!

Respondent has exploited ambiguities in CDCR gang management policies to overbroadly apply vague standards which secured Petitioner's placement in SHU. As previously discussed herein, a prisoner who's classified as Validated" must be determined to be "active" by the OCS before an icc may find him to be a danger to institution security" - as the necessary prerequisite(s) in order to place him into stu for an indeterminate program. Respondent knowingly skipped the procedural safeguard to wrongfully place Petitioner into segregation as retaliation for him tiling a civil suit against them in October 2006, after they had already cleared him for release to General Population.

As a pretext, Respondents have relied upon their own conclusions to base this action upon the illolefined "other factors" exceptions clause of Title 15 \$ 3341.5 (c) (5) as their justification to circumvent the ocs review, and find petitioner a danger to institutional security for conjecture. This violates due process because the vagueness doctrine requires that penal statutes give notice to the ordinary person of what is prohibited and provide definite standards to guide the discretionary actions of officers so as to prevent arbitrary law enforcement because this type of misapplication of policies/rules/procedures that Respondent's capitalize on gives too much

discretionary action to law enforcement (prison officials).

Asside from Respondent's supposition, there are no factors to suggest that Petitioner poses any type of threat to other prisoners or Institutional security, otherwise SSU would have concluded that. Therefore because the regulations governing Respondent's reasons for scaregating Petitioner fail to delineate specific criteria permissible to override a nanactive validation for purposes of Imposing indeferminate SHU under the other factors clause, if permits a standardless sweep that allows government officials to pursue their own personal predilections, as has been in petitioners situation. This is important because the Overbreadth Doctrine permits litigants to assert first Amendment Rights of third parties not before the Court, and as stated above in Grounds 7 and 9, these actions did not come until Politioner exerted his rights to free speech. Hence, the statutes very existence causes Petitioner [and others not before the court] to retrain from Constitutionally profected speech or expression. That is relevant because Respondent uses Politioner's validation status to entrap other [nonvalidated] prisoners in dubious validation proceedings as well, by labeling them guilty by association with Petitioner based on innocent communication with him [ie. mere possession of Petitionev's name and CDCR number] without any allegation that it served an illicit purpose (going activity). And none of those inmates were defermined to be "ACTWE" by OCS either, yet Respondent later imposed indeterminate SHU terms against them also when discovered to be participants in Petitioner's civil complaint and/or criminal trial where some testified in his defense.

This is exactly how is u-isi entangled Petitioner in the validation at the initial stages for his instituated allegations of gang activity/association with immates [possession of name cock id continued on page 15 numbers; exchanging written communications] whom he did not know had themselves been validated. Prisoners are not entitled to know the gang status of other prisoners, and since Respondents do not warn or place them on notice when an association becomes interpreted as gang activity through overbroad applications of Title 15 § 3023; § 3378, and § 3321(a), it was impossible for Petitioner to defend himself because the identities of involved parties were with held as Confidential.

Petitioner contends that 184-161 intimated that inmates whom are either dead, reused multiple times, or already classified as lactive in Protective Custody (SNY) were the supposed associates in gang activity, but absent the confirmation of those identities he must shoot in the dark in a futile effort to prove that those allegations are incredulous. This is an overbroad application of the confidential information policy because there are no prisoner informants or methods from which this material was acquired that need to remain secret. All source items compiled within Petitioner's validation package was from scruntity of materials already (and still) in his possession, or otherwise known to him. However, 154-161 solely wished to hinder Petitioner's ability to refute it, and utilized the overbroad confidential disclosure method to ensure that he is unable to ascertain which item findividual he has been punished for

And even now, the lack of clear and unambiguous language in the inactive-review process permits Respondent to continue to capriciously exploit and misapply vague regulations with regard to Petitioner's available release from SHU and eligibility for inactive reviews as well. There are no apparent "requirements" that a prisoner participate in a "debriefing" before he is eligible for inactive considerations under \$ 3378 (d),(e) or (g), yet Respondent is abusing discretion to make it so. Thus, the need for consistent standards are necessary to give prisoners and staff accurate direction of what is [exactly] considered prohibited activity, what is the reasonable level of notification of the charge, and what is the criteria - if any to attain release from segregation without debriefing.

L. Ground Twelve:

PETITIONER WAS TREATED DISPARATELY COMPARED TO OTHER PRISONERS ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SAME ALLEGED PROHIBITED ACTIVITY, IN VIOLATION OF THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Supporting Facts:

The allegations of gang activity against Petitioner are that he is engaged in associations and criminal conspiracies with validated inmates. Such charges, if it involved <u>nonivalidated inmates</u> would cause a disciplinary report to be generated for rule infractions and specified illegal conduct against <u>both</u> inmates. But when prison officials report that a validated immate is one of the prisoners involved, Respondent unfairly changes the focus of the alleged act to impute gang activity against them instead of "criminal activity". Although gang activity is also disciplinary offense, the due process protections that immates are quaranteed in rule violation reports can aid them in disproving the vaque charge of again activity.

This is why Respondent exploits the obscure process of gang activity. This is why Respondent exploits the obscure process of gang validations as a tool for circumventing constitutional rights (ie procedural due process) by instead misappling criminal activity to the validation process under the guise of gang activity, for the same conduct. The goal is to segregate all prisoners suspected to be involved in a controversy-without the benefits of due process applicable to disciplinary proceedings-so it will be easier to confine inmates into SHU for periods that are longer than the original disciplinary penalties would have carried. But since members of prison gangs are usually confined in segregation anyway, the only inmates who are affected by a validation scheme are the participants that are not

validated. His only they who are subjected to reprisal.

This is a form of disparate selective prosecution because the other half of the supposed protubited activity (ie validated inmate) who's reported in the validation package (for the nonvalidated individual) as involved in something illicit—is never charged! Only those whom associate with him are offected with a dramatic change in program and housing. In other words, the prisoner who's already validated faces no repurcussions for this activity Respondents claim to be something sinister; he does not receive a new validation package for change to the privileges he already has in stil. Again, only the nonvalidated half of the "association" be-

tween two inmates accused of involvement in this same activity are swept into the trap.

In Petitioner's case, this is esspecially troublesom because the validated inmates alleged to be associating, with him are either not in segregation, not alive, not in prison (paroled), or not in good standing with that same prison gang, that they've been reported to be acting on behalf of For example, validated associates who Petitioner was alleged to be communicating with are not in Stripbecause they've been released for debriefing], but they have not been affected by the allegations in Petitioner's validation package at all, let alone returned to segregation as required whenever inactive prisoners are accused of new current activity. They were never charged for their reported half of this same misconduct punishable by re-segregation for being "ACTIVE" again. The fact that this is not done suggests that Respondent knows the allegations are insufficient to impact to those prisoners who have no control over fetitioner's innocent possession of their names

The fact that this is not done suggests that Respondent knows the allegations are insufficient to impute to those prisoners who have no control over fetitioners innocent possession of their names or CDCR numbers, yet Respondent maintains that its reliable only against Petitioner. This demonstrates that such information is questionable and disparate if only one is singled out for supposed

conspiracy/gang activity that other inmates are named in.

M. Ground Thirteen:

PRISON OFFICIALS DENY PETITIONER EQUAL PROTECTION OF LAW UNDER THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION BY CHILLING HIS FREE SPEECH ON THE BASIS OF RACE BECAUSE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER PRISONERS WHO HAVE THE SAME RACIAL CLASSIFICATION AS HIM IS PROHIBITED DIFFERENTLY FROM THE SIMILAR SITUATIONS INVOLVING PRISONERS OF A DIFFERENT RACIAL CLASSIFICATION

Supporting Facts!

The CDCR gang management policy that has caused him to be placed into SHU for an indeterminate SHU program is unconstitutionally a violation of Equal Protection because it recognizes race as the element that distinguishes gang activity from criminal activity. Petitioner posits that if he conspires with prisoners of other racial classifications to commit disciplinary infractions, they are subject to disciplinary action and due process consistent with that offense. However, if and when that inmate he colludes with happens to be of the same racial classification as him then the same conduct is reinterpreted to be gang activity instead.

In short, Respondent chose to validate and segregate petitioner only for associating with members of his own race. And now that he is validated [as EME] his communication with non hispanic races would never make them associates [to EME]. Thus, respondents policy and practice is meant to chill freedom of speech and association differently for one's own race. In fact, Respondents have already used association with Petitioner as a source item in the validation of 3 [known] prisoners of his race after they aided his defense against criminal charges in Superior Court by either testifying or cooperating with his attorney. No gang activity has been alleged, only the implication that protected activity with retitioner establish-

es their association link.

This is an example of state official's unlawful administration of a state statute that seems foir on its face, but results in unequal application to persons who are entitled to be treated alike. The denial of Equal Protection is the product of intentional and purposeful discrimination. Disciplinary proceedings carry punitive consequences that deprive prisoners of their liberty interests for determinate periods, while a gang validation may result in perpetual losses of those state created rights. So considering the disproportionality that exists between the procedures and punishments that are involved in disciplinary and gang validation proceedings, it is discriminatory to permit prison officials to abuse their discretion to circumvent the due process protections quaranteed to every inmate for safeguarding them from arbitrary confinement (3) in segregation when all the official has to do to accomplish the same effect is capriciously declare supposed criminal activity to be gang activity. But this can only be done when association, content of speech, etc. occurs between members of the same race as opposed to involving varying races.

Petitioner reiterates that he was prejudiced in these proceedings that lack consistent standards and as such the systematic jurisprudence of CDCR's gang validation policy must be analyzed or recognized as violative of federal law, in the context of the entire record for error that seriously affects the fundamental fairness, integrity or public reputation of prison administrative proceedings that result in perpetual solitary supermax confinement

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I am over 18 years of age and a party to this action. I am a resident of Imperial County
Calipatria State Prison,
in the county of <u>Imperial</u>
State of California. My prison address is: P.O. Box 5002, California, CA 92233,
On
I served the attached: Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
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institution in which I am presently confined. The envelope was addressed as follows:
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing
is true and correct.
Executed on 6/19/08 Sathony Throop (DATE) (DECLARANT'S SIGNATURE)

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